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Sir:

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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 49-41543 appears to disclose a pipe joint assembly composed of a flare nut and an airtight joint fitting having multiple O-ring projections.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 63-164689 appears to disclose a pipe joint having a check valve with a coil spring and a pushrod.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 2-48694 appears to disclose a cable connector having a joint box connector, a base connector connected to the joint box connector through a gasket, a pumping tube covered with a gasket and a hexagon cap nut connected to the base connector .

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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		JP-49-41543-U	11-14-1974	Goto		No
		JP-63-164689-U	10-26-1988	Wakita		No
		JP-02-48694-U	04-04-1990	Nagai		No
		JP-05-90078-U	12-07-1993	Yamaki		Yes
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